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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa [U.S. 6,243,022 B1] in view of Campbell et al [U.S. 2002/0067245 A1].

As for **claims 1 and 7**, Furukawa discloses a remote control system for a vehicle model having variable feature content, the system comprising:

- a. A fob (10) and a radio frequency transmitter (26) for transmitting commands at a radio frequency via a fob antenna (24);
- b. A receiver (36) for positioning in a specific vehicle having features pre-selected from the variable feature content, said receiver (36) having an antenna (34) for receiving one of said commands at a radio frequency, a demodulator (column 5, lines 4-7 and 25-27) for recovering said one command, and a processor (32) for decoding said one command and determining if the pre-selected features are compatible with the one command (It is obvious that the processor must reference memory to determine what

functions are present. In this manner, the processor determines if the received command is compatible.).

c. A network interface (serial data bus) for controlling a vehicle system in accordance with said recovered one command only when the pre-selected features are compatible with the one command (column 5, lines 40-56). It is obvious that if a received command were not compatible with the system, no action would be taken.

Furukawa does not disclose a fob having a microphone for receiving audible commands.

In an analogous art for a remote control system for a vehicle, Campbell discloses a voice activated key fob comprising a microphone (20) for receiving audible commands (paragraph 0009). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant to modify the invention of Furukawa to include the “hands-free” operation taught by Campbell because the modification would provide convenience to the user. The modification would allow a user to control a plurality of vehicle features using a compact device that didn’t require a plurality of buttons for each feature. Further, the device could be operated even when both hands of the user were occupied.

Regarding **claims 2 and 11**, Furukawa discloses that a memory for storing specified instructions is connected to the processor (column 5, lines 30-39). It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art that the memory must include information specifying pre-selected features. This information must be present in order for the processor to know what devices to control and how to control said devices upon receiving a command signal from the fob.

Regarding **claims 3 and 12**, Furukawa shows that vehicle components are connected via the network interface. Memory may be integral or separate from the processor (column 5, lines

30-56). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant that information shared throughout the vehicle would be communicated using the network interface.

As for **claims 4 and 13**, Furukawa discloses a fob device that may receive result information from the vehicle (column 3, lines 30-35).

Regarding **claims 5, 6, 14, and 15**, Furukawa discloses that the output device comprises a display (16) and a speaker (column 3, lines 60-62).

As for **claim 8**, Furukawa and Campbell teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. Please refer to the claims above.

As for **claims 9 and 10**, Furukawa discloses that the RF signal is modulated in digital mode (column 5, lines 3-20), however, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that signals could have been modulated in analog or digital mode. Several modulation schemes were known in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant and would have been used as necessary. This limitation is viewed as a matter of design.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M. Blount whose telephone number is (571) 272-2973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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